

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Study Session Notes

January 3, 2012

The special study session was called to order at 8:17 am by Chairman Randy Mealhow at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Randy Mealhow, Mike Holmes, Aloha Baumgarten, Lee Buckingham, Rob Turner, April Maynard, Joyce Silva, and Judi Lardner. Also in attendance were Archie Warren and Nancy Hakala.

A quorum was established.

Public Comment: There was no public comment. Mike asked to discuss agenda items out of order.

Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge Gallery Show: Mike asked about the status of the show. Judi gave an update and said the proposal would go before the Council on January 9th. The time for the artists' reception was set for 5:00-7:00 pm on March 23rd.

UAIC Art for Central Square: Mike reported that the completed Douglas Van Howd sculpture commissioned by the UAIC for Central Square was instead going to be displayed at the Thunder Valley Casino. The UAIC remains committed to providing a sculpture for Central Square.

Airport Monument: Mike passed around photos of a model for the monument done by Douglas Van Howd. Mike will be meeting with a major benefactor soon to discuss funding. The proposal still needs to go before the airport advisory commission for their approval before it is formally presented to the AAC. Randy suggested an AAC member attend the airport advisory commission meeting.

9/11 Memorial: Mike has been in contact with J. Randall Smith about the memorial. He still does not know when the memorial will be finished.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Mike said that one of the goals the Performing Arts Center board is considering adopting this year is the removal of the wall that divides the theater space in half.

Mural Projects: Randy outlined the issues surrounding the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural project. The mural, as originally proposed, does not fit the wall. A meeting was held with Bob Richardson to discuss resizing the mural. Archie passed around a to-scale computer rendition of how the resized mural will look. April motioned to approve the rescaled mural design, and Lee seconded. Randy outlined the schedule for the mural work and emphasized that the City must be kept up to date on all scheduled work. Nancy Hakala mentioned the desirability of letting the paint cure completely before the seal coats are applied. The logistics of dealing with inclement weather were discussed. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

Auburn Arts in the Park: Joyce gave an update on festival planning and asked people to send her information via email. After some discussion, it was decided to finalize the proposal and prepare a budget for the festival at the January 10th AAC meeting. The proposal would then go before the Council on January 23rd. Further discussion followed regarding the types of performers to feature, stipends for performers, how to choose

artists, logistics of paying for expenses, and the pros and cons of umbrellas versus E-Z Up canopies.

Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge Gallery Show (con't): Judi asked whether further AAC approval would be necessary after the Council meeting on the 9th in order to post a Call to Artists and create a Facebook page for the event. The consensus was that no further approvals were needed once the Council gives its okay. Aloha said she would prefer a larger cash award be given to the first place winner. After some discussion, it was decided to stick with the \$75, \$50, and \$25 awards agreed to at an earlier AAC meeting.

Public Art Loan Program update: Randy said that he will be contacting Jennifer Riley soon to discuss the possibility of temporarily displaying one of her sculptures in Central Square.

The next regular meeting will be on January 10, 2012 at 8:15 am.

Study session adjourned at 9:35 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary